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SUBJECT: PM RIFAI COMMENTS ON U.S. JORDANIAN RELATIONS

1. JORDANIAN PRESS FEB 19 CARRIED FOLLOWING FRONT PAGE ANNOUNCEMENT UNDER HEADLINE "PRIME MINISTER RIFAI COMMENTS: U.S. - JORDANIAN RELATIONS EXCELLENT AND UNMARRED BY BLEMISHES".

2. ANNOUNCEMENT STATED: "PRIME MINISTER RIFAI COMMENTED ON STORY PUBLISHED BY LEBANESE NEWS-PAPER AL NAHAR YESTERDAY AND CARRIED BY VARIOUS NEWS AGENCIES AND SOME RADIO STATIONS INCLUDING RADIO ISRAEL IN WHICH IT WAS ALLEGED THAT THERE IS A CRISIS IN U.S. - JORDANIAN RELATIONS. PRIME LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MINISTER RIFAI STATED THAT THERE IS ABSOLUTELY

NO TRUTH TO THESE ALLEGATIONS. U.S. - JORDANIAN
RELATIONS ARE EXCELLENT AND ARE NOT MARRED
BY ANY BLEMISHES. ANY RUMOR OF DIFFERENCES
BETWEEN AMMAN AND WASHINGTON IS MERELY FANTASY
AND FABRICATION. PM RIFAI ADDED THAT APPARENTLY
SOME PARTIES WISH TO DAMAGE THE GOOD AND CORDIAL
RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND JORDAN. THAT IS
WHY THEY FABRICATE AND CIRCULATE SUCH REPORTS
WHICH ARE DEVOID OF ANY TRUTH"

3. COMMENT: WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY BEIRUT TELE-
GRAPHING TRANSLATION OF AL NAHAR STORY WHICH NOT
YET RECEIVED HERE.
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